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AIR FREIGHT UP 10.4% IN FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 19, 1989 -- Air freight increased 10.4 percent in the first quarter of 1989, compared with the same period last year, and was up 11.5 percent in March for the 18 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in the first quarter rose 5.9 percent, while mail registered a 0.7 percent increase. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, increased 4.7 percent.

Domestic air freight in March was up 5.5 percent. Mail increased 1.3 percent, and total cargo grew 4.6 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in the first quarter was up 15.6 percent. Mail rose 8.2 percent, and total cargo increased 14.9 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight in March was up 18.3 percent. International mail traffic rose 18.9 percent. Total cargo increased 18.3 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MARCH	1989	438,795	119,534	558,329	438,695	44,332	483,027	877,490	1,041,356
MARCH	1988	415,874	117,983	533,857	370,884	37,288	408,172	786,758	942,029
PERCENT CHANGE		5.5	1.3	4.6	18.3	18.9	18.3	11.5	10.5
3 MONTHS	1989	1,183,895	330,073	1,513,968	1,151,325	112,829	1,264,154	2,335,220	2,778,122
3 MONTHS	1988	1,118,227	327,941	1,446,168	996,109	104,265	1,100,374	2,114,336	2,546,542
PERCENT CHANGE		5.9	0.7	4.7	15.6	8.2	14.9	10.4	9.1

NOTE: Carriers included: Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

(1) Eastern 1988 numbers included
Eastern 1989 numbers not available